

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: BAO et al.	)	
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including September 4, 2009, to make this reply timely.

In response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2009 as entered in the above-captioned matter captioned matter, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.